

New York State Green Procurement Program  
Response to Comments on  
**Proposed Specification on 'Coating Removal Products'**

**Background:** The proposed new specification for 'Coating Removal Products' was first considered by the Interagency Committee in November 2020 and tentatively approved for public comment.

**Commenting Entities:** Comments were received from Seventh Generation, UL, Clean and Healthy NY, Great Neck Breast Cancer Coalition, and Sierra Club Atlantic Chapter.

**Issues raised:**

**1. Use of third-party, multi-attribute certifications.**

**Comments:** Commenters support the Interagency Committee's use of third-party multi-attribute certifications to define and identify green products.

**Response:** The Interagency Committee appreciates the voiced support for its decision to use third-party, multi-attribute certifications as the cornerstone of many of its specifications, including the coating removal products specification.

**Recommendation:** Retain the specification's existing language on third-party certifications.

**2. Packaging encouragements.**

**Comments:** Commenters recommend that reusable packaging be encouraged over compostable or recyclable packaging.

**Response:** The packaging language that is included in all specifications currently sets a preference for reusable packaging where practicable.

**Recommendation:** Retain the specification's existing packaging encouragement language.

**3. Future specifications.**

**Comments:** Commenters encourage the Interagency Committee to create a specification for degreasers.

**Response:** The Interagency Committee appreciates the recommendation and will consider developing a specification for this product category in the future.

**Recommendation:** Retain current specification language.